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*March 17, 2021*

*To the members of the Planning Commission,*

*I am a retired Orcas Island School teacher who cares about the future of our county.*

*In my nearly 40 years as a resident on Orcas Island, I have seen the population more than double. We are a group of islands, and therefore have limited capacity for growth. Our resources are limited, and our county can't sustain our current quality of life if our population grows to more than a certain number. What is that number? We don't know, as the county has not prepared a build-out analysis (BOA to study the effect of population growth on our resources and quality of life.*

*Joe Symons has submitted a docket request that asks the county to do this study. In order to plan intelligently for the future and maintain the wondrous place that is our county, please approve his request and set the county staff in motion. The BOA would include an impact analysis focused on themes from the official Vision Statement including the environment, transportation, housing, sense of community cohesiveness and the fiscal implications of new development on government services. While water is one of the most important elements, I understand there is an excellent chance that the state and USGS will be taking care of doing a water inventory.*

*We really can't wait any longer.*

*Thank you,*

*Pam Jenkins*

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